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sold for debt; and Mrs. Carr bought it in. To help meet the purchase price she was preparing to sell part of the land to Lock Sharp. Carr objected to the sale, and it is reported that he had made threats that he would kill Mrs. Carr and Sharp if they tried to put through the deal.

Carr is fifty years old. He is a son of the late Peter Carr of Clawson. He is the father of two children by Mrs. Carr, and a number of children by a former marriage.

Mrs. Carr was around forty years of age; she was a daughter of William E Sharp of Woodrow. She is survived by six children, four of them of a former marriage. On Thursday morning her body was taken to Mt. Zion graveyard in the Huntersville district and buried beside the grave of her first husband, Ervine Houdyshell.

Lock Sharp was 30 years of age; son of the late David Sharp, of near Marlinton. He was a blacksmith by trade. He is survived by his wife and their three children. On Thursday his body was buried at the grave

brother-in-law, Lock Sharp, at the Carr farm a mile east of Edray, on the Clover Lick Road. Carr also shot two or three times at his step son, Thilbert Houdyshell. He got some small shot in his leg, but is not much hurt. Squire Uriah Bird witnessed the killing. Carr is in jail.

Mrs. Carr, Lock Sharp and Squire Bird and young Houdyshell were engaged in surveying some land at Warwick, which Sharp was preparing to buy from his sister-in-law Mrs. Carr. About four o'clock just as the last stakes were being set, Theodore Carr came up, and without a word to anyone shot Sharp dead; the charge from a sixteen guage shot gun striking him below the heart. He then turned the gun on Thilbert Houdyshell, shooting at him two or three times, knocking his hat off and wounding him slightly in the legs as he ran behind a straw stack. Then Carr shot at his wife as she was making off, striking her in the hand. She turned back toward him, asking for mercy, and Carr shot her in the breast. She died almost instantly.

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Carr was indicted February 13, was brought to trial on March 14 and convicted on the following day of first degree murder without recommendation for mercy. Judge Summers H. Sharp, in sentencing Carr to be hanged reviewed briefly the facts of the case.

"You have been found guilty of one of the highest offenses known to the law, that of taking the life of your fellow man without justification or excuse," Judge Sharp told Carr. "I doubt whether the criminal annals of the county will disclose a more brutal homicide than this of which you have been charged and convicted."

DENTAL NOTICE

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Temporary insanity resulting from brooding over his financial and marital troubles formed the basis of Carr's defense. His attorneys contended that Carr became obsessed with the idea that Sharp was encouraging his wife in her actions toward him and that the two of them were manufacturing liquor on the Carr farm during Carr's absence at intervals in the lumber camps. Previous to the day of the double tragedy defense witnesses testified Carr in brooding over his troubles was frequently found crying and acting in "in a most peculiar manner" and showed "every evidence of great depression and temporary insanity." Carr maintained at the trial that he had no recollection of what transpired from the time he left the boarding house until the time he met his daughter on the return trip.

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THEODORE S. CARR PAYS PENALTY WITH OWN LIFE

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run and two shots were fired at him, both missing. Still without a word Carr turned around and started up the hill toward his boarding house. At the same time Mrs. Carr began running away in an opposite direction and this attracted Carr's attention. He pursued her and Mrs. Carr stopped and awaited her husband's approach. They had a few words and the shot gun again became an instrument of death. Leaving the body of his wife in the field Carr walked up the hill meeting his daughter on the way. She asked about her mother.

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ld, 60 acres of land in Little Lev-
District, \$770.00.
S. Cochran and wife to Charles
ong, 2 acres of land in Green-
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STATE MEDICAL EXAMS

TO BE HELD JULY 9-10

Medical examinations for those
desire to practice medicine in
Virginia will be held in Mart-
burg July 9-10th, it was an-
nounced today by Dr. W. T. Hen-
ry, state health commissioner.
The Public Health Council, the li-
censing board of the state, will also
view all doctors who desire li-
censure through reciprocity.

BANKERS MEET

Over 200 bankers, from all parts
of Virginia attended the annual
meeting of the State Bankers As-
sociation held in Bluefield Thursday.
Fleming, of Grafton, presided
at the meeting. None of the local
bankers attended.

WEDDING

The wedding of the Marlin-
son and Helen Dorothy Curry
was celebrated by Rev. S. R. Neel.
The wedding people are residents of
the community.

Miss Cunningham, of Elkins,
was the guest of Miss Beryl Mar-

Theodore Carr Pays Penalty Friday; Faces Gallows With Steady Nerve

Theodore Carr was hanged at the
state prison, Friday, June 14, for the
slaying of Lock Sharp on October 30,
1929. In contrast to demeanor while
in the death house, when he appear-
ed unnerved, he walked coolly to the
gallows and paid the penalty. The
trap was sprung at 8:58 and he was
pronounced dead nine and one-half
minutes later.

"Goodbye" was the last word ut-
tered when asked if he had any state-
ment to make before the trap was
sprung. He had been praying
throughout the day with Rev. W. C.
Herold, prison chaplain, who accom-
panied him on his death walk. He
walked the fifteen feet from the
death cell to the execution chamber
unassisted.

The body was claimed by his son,
Cecil Carr, and was shipped to Claw-
son, this county Sunday. The funer-
al was held Monday afternoon by
Rev. K. V. Bowen, pastor of the Mar-
lington Presbyterian Church.

At the invitation of Warden L. M.
Robinson, twenty persons were pres-
ent but none witnessed the execution.

The condemned man's last hours
were spent with his son, two brothers
and the prison chaplain.

Carr had been pronounced sane

after an examination Wednesday by
Dr. L. V. Guthrie, superintendent
Huntington state hospital. In his re-
port the Dr. said, "Carr is somewhat
depressed but he is not insane and
understands the nature and quality of
his acts and the difference between
right and wrong."

Appeals from the decision of the
Pocahontas county court were denied
by the state supreme court and a pe-
tition for executive clemency was de-
nied by Governor Wm. G. Conley.

The shooting occurred on the Carr
property. Carr had become involved
in financial difficulties and had also
become separated from his wife.
The property had been sold under
court order and had been bid in by
the wife although the sale yet re-
quired confirmation by the court.
Mrs. Carr, Sharp, her son and Uriah
Bird, a surveyor, were on the farm
for the purpose of laying out a tract
the woman had contracted to sell to
Sharp when Carr appeared armed
with a shot gun.

Without a word, the evidence
showed, Carr went close to Sharp
who was driving a stake in the
ground and shot him through the
heart. Young Howdyshell started to
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for that reason I presume the jury has extended to you no mercy. Possibly you had been brooding over your domestic troubles, letting the matter grow on you and cultivating it, you decided to do something desperate. I can't imagine a person letting a thing get away with him like you probably did in this case.

In pursuance of the verdict of the jury and in obedience to law, it is the judgment of this Court that upon the rising of this Court you be taken from the jail of this County to the penitentiary of this State which is located in the City of Moundsville, County of Marshall and there confined until the 14th day of June, 1929, on which date within the walls of the penitentiary of this State you will be hung by the neck until dead. From this time forward the time will bear heavily with you in the solitude of your abode and the only admonition or exhortation I can give you would

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STATE AID

Teachers' drafts are still being held up due to the fact that the State A

noon on Friday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Sharp said:

"Theodore Carr, you will stand up. Do you know of anything to say for yourself why the judgment of the Court should not be pronounced against you at this time?

(No response)

"You have been found guilty by a jury of your peers of first degree murder and they not having seen fit to make recommendation to this Court, consequently, there is nothing for the Court to do but carry out the extreme penalty of the law.

"You have been found guilty of one of the highest offenses known to the law, that of taking the life of your fellowman without justification, or excuse. I doubt whether the criminal annals of this County will disclose a more brutal homicide than this with which you have been charged and convicted. The evidence discloses that without any provocation, I might say on the date of this

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with a gun, evidently knowing these
folks were over there running off this
piece of land, you go over there and
without giving Lock Sharp warning